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## Zippping onto campus



MARK FUSCO

One of the two new Zipcars drives through campus. The new Zipcar service offers mobility to students without cars on campus.

LYNDSY BURNS | Opinions Manager

The latest buzz around the Roger Williams University campus at the start of the new semester is the arrival of Zipcars. These wheels-for-rent provide an affordable alternative for students without an on-campus car to reach new destinations.

According to the all university e-mail sent on behalf of John King, Vice President of Student Affairs, students can gain access to the new campus Zipcars by purchasing a \$25 membership, good for their first year. RWU

students are also entitled to \$35 of free driving for the first month of membership.

There are two Zipcars available, a Honda Civic and Ford Focus, which are parked by the Fine Arts Building across from Maple Hall. Students must be 18 years or older to register for Zipcar rental.

Promotional events have been scheduled to allow new members an opportunity to sign up. "We have about 30 members so far, but are hoping to gain more at the big official kick-

off Wednesday, Feb. 8 at the Commons, where there will be Zipcar representatives to sign up members," said Scott Yonan, Assistant to Vice President of Student Affairs and Director Special Projects.

"I think there's actually a lot of excitement about Zipcars coming to campus," said a Zipcar representative at the Feb. 8 promotional event. "Especially the freshman class, seeing as they do not have cars on campus, Zipcars are a great alternative to public transportation."

Other universities have added Zipcars to their campuses to provide alternative transportation options for their students.

Monica Carrera, a sophomore student at Endicott College, explained that Zipcars are a popular accommodation, although they are a new addition to the Massachusetts campus.

"I use them a lot to drive home to Connecticut and to the store. It's very convenient, since I do not have a car on campus," Car

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## Man found dead in library

BEN WHITMORE | News Editor

SAMANTHA EDSON | Features Designer

Nathan Steele, 70, of Newport, R.I. was found dead in the University Main Library on Jan. 16. His body was found at about 9:50 a.m. lying on the floor of a men's room in the building, according to Lt. Steven Contente of the Bristol Police Department.

A Bristol Police detective who processed the scene found no signs of foul play, Contente said. The Rhode Island medical examiner's office has yet to release an official cause of death, Contente said, due to pending toxicology reports. The final results could take several months, he said.

Steele was known among University employees who work in the library, according to Karen Bilotti, Associate Director of Tutorial Support Services in the Center for Academic Development.

"Most of the time [we saw Steele] was on the second floor. He used the second floor restroom up here on occasion and so we knew him by sight," Bilotti said, whose second-floor office is near the men's bathroom.

"He was not a gentleman who attempted to engage in conversation," Bilotti said. "When we saw him, he did seem as though he wanted to blend in with the

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## Farish's freshman semester

RWU's 10th president reflects on his tenure to date and on his vision for the University's future

ALISON ROCHFORD | Herald Reporter

University President Donald Farish joined the Roger Williams University community last June after his thirteen years as University President at Rowan University in New Jersey. Now, with one semester under his belt, Farish reflected upon his time at RWU thus far, and said that every expectation that he had "has been exceeded."

Farish said he "wasn't prepared for the extraordinarily high quality of the work that's being done in department after department," which he described as "much better than what [he] thinks is known by the outside world."

Farish said he hoped to learn "all about the Roger Williams

culture, history, and people" during his first semester. One of the ways in which he has done this is "through a series of breakfasts that [he] is having with small groups of faculty, five or six at a time," he said. In doing so, Farish said he wants to "consolidate what [he has]

where you want to be or where you are trying to go; you really can't measure whether you are making good progress or not," Farish said.

Farish also said that he is working on "presenting these ideas and then posting [them] in the form of a document on the campus website, and allowing anybody in the campus community to weigh in on them." He added that "over time, what we hope to do is build a document of a vision of the future, which is

broadly shared, as opposed to being one person imposing his will on somebody else."

Some students appreciate the high visibility Farish has on campus. "As a student who is actively involved on campus,

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*Unless you are clear about where you want to be or where you are trying to go, you really can't measure whether you are making good progress or not.*

- President Donald Farish

learned into something [he] can send back to the campus."

In these meetings, Farish and faculty discuss where the University ought to be in 10 years, and what is the best way to go about getting there.

"Unless you are clear about



BEN WHITMORE

## Hungry? The Lower Commons delivers

LAUREN TIERNEY | Herald Reporter

On Friday and Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., students can enjoy hot and tasty pizzas and freshly baked chocolate chip cookies delivered right to their dorms. Bon Appetit, Roger Williams University's dining management company, has started offering delivery service to on-campus students.

Members from RWU athlet-

ics teams will be volunteering to deliver called-in orders throughout campus. In addition to the implementation of this program, Bon Appetit has decided to keep the pizza station in Lower Commons open one hour later to 12:30 a.m. seven days a week.

"We thought this would be a great alternative for the students

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## A Giant win

The New York Giants triumph over the New England Patriots in their Super Bowl rematch

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## ZIP CARS: New service offers convenience and mobility to members

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era said. "Since they're cheap through the school, they're quite popular on campus."

Some RWU students seem pleased by the new addition on campus, providing those without cars a form of transportation.

"Whoever came up with the idea of Zipcars on campus is awesome because it allows students without a car to venture to places they normally couldn't and it's affordable for college students," said Anna Schmidt, a recently transferred student. "Being from California, it is not easy for us students who live so far away to immediately have a car in Rhode Island, so the accessibility to a car that Zipcar provides is beneficial."

According to Carrera, who has been through the process at Endicott College, after a student signs up for their membership, they then receive a membership card in the mail. After members receive their card, they have access to reserving a Zipcar, and the card is then used to unlock the car through the magnetic strip attached to the inside of the windshield. This magnetic strip is similar to the locks on the doors of the Bayside residence halls.

Once in the car, the key is conveniently located near the steering wheel, ready for ignition.



LYNDEY BURNS

Top: A student swipes her Zipcar membership card above the windshield swipe card sensor that unlocks the doors to the car.  
Bottom: The Ford Focus Zipcar, along with the Honda Civic Zipcar, are on campus and are at students' disposal.

## DELIVERY: Student athletes bring food and drink to dorms on Friday and Saturday nights

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besides Quiznos, therefore we can cross-utilize staff members by serving the students with a second option here in the Commons in addition to the delivery system," said Christina Bullock, Assistant Retail Manager of Bon Appetit.

Bon Appetit will be selling whole 16-inch pizzas from the Lower Commons and chocolate chip cookies. They will also offer milk, soda, and water.

The pizzas are priced at \$10 for plain cheese, with an additional \$0.50 for each topping. The options include pepperoni, bacon, onions, mushrooms, Italian sausage, peppers, spinach, and black olives. Specialty pizzas will be \$13 each, with a selection of barbecue chicken, buffalo chicken, and Hawaiian.

One dozen chocolate chip cookies will be offered for \$5. The beverages range from \$2.50 for a quart of milk, \$1.89 for a two-liter soda, and \$1.49 for a bottle of soda or water.

The only way to purchase is through Unicare points. Students will have to add money to their cards through the Bursar in order to purchase food through this service. When the student calls in the order, their

student ID number is taken, and the bill will be deducted from their Unicare points.

Various athletics teams have been assigned a night that their members are responsible for delivering the orders to students across campus. For each pizza delivered, that team will receive \$5, and for each dozen cookies delivered, they will receive \$2.50.

James Gubata, General Manager of Bon Appetit, said he felt this could be a good way for different student groups to sponsor a pizza night to volunteer to deliver and raise money for their organization.

"The best thing is, our pizza and cookies are the best in town, and our pricing is competitive with the other pizza companies who deliver on campus," Gubata said.

The sailing team took the first night of deliveries on Friday, Feb. 3, and sold around 30 pizzas. The team earned \$110 for the night. Athletics teams will continue to deliver throughout the spring semester.

Bon Appetit is looking to expand the services to Baypoint in the near future.

## DEATH: Library creates new sign-in policy

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stacks or along the side of the wall."

Yet, Bilotti said that many library guests, students, professors, and greater community members alike often do not stop for small talk while they browse the shelves on the library's second floor.

During the times Steele visited the second floor of the library, Bilotti said she never saw him cause any type of disruption.

"In our minds he was not a problem," Bilotti said. "He was just part of the space, part of the community that comes in and out of the library."

This community is one that some students may not often notice. Yet, for decades, the campus, and more specifically the University's library facilities, have been accessible to the general public.

The general public is allowed to walk in and use the facilities of both the University's law school and main libraries, without few restrictions.

"If an individual wants to make particular use of [the libraries'] resources like borrowing [books], they have to be registered," said Peter Deeckle, Dean of University Library Services.

To become a registered borrower of the library a Bristol resident, member of the business community, or an alumnus of the University needs simply to fill out an application.

"We have several hundred registered community members, community borrowers," Deeckle said.

Deeckle also acknowledged that not all of those who are registered actively use their privileges.

The University currently has 44 special borrowers registered.

This special borrowers' registration entitles them to the use of the University's libraries for a year after the date of registration.

However, these borrowers are limited to only borrowing from books in circulation. Special borrowers cannot take out audio/visual materials, nor can these borrowers access online library databases nor utilize interlibrary loan services.

Recently, the library instituted a sign-in policy for community borrowers. It was created "so that we know who is using the building from outside, the community and we do monitor that as does the law school library at our service point," Deeckle said.

The implementation of the sign-in program has been "going pretty well, so far," Deeckle said.

The University's open-door policy with its libraries has had a positive effect on the school's relationship with the town of Bristol.

"We have a very supportive town relationship," Deeckle said. And it would seem that some students want to return the warmth.

About a week after Steele's death, Bilotti said she noticed an anonymously written poem apparently dedicated to Steele that was posted on the door of the second-floor men's bathroom.

The poem's lines referred to someone "who died alone" and who "died without a home," Bilotti said.

Bilotti said that the author ended the poem in the first person.

"You might not have anybody who cared about you, but I do."



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# Upper Commons congestion

A large freshman class and mandatory housing have the dining hall crunched for space

KEVIN TERBUISH | Herald Reporter

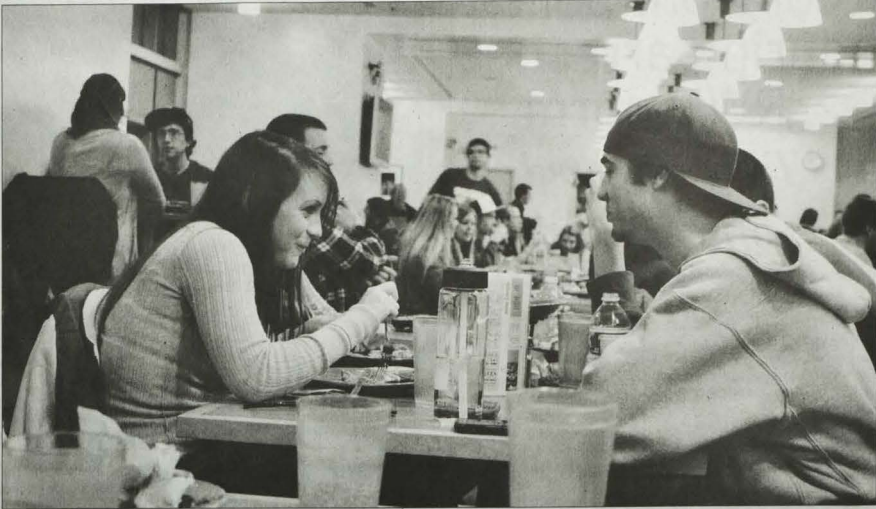
Dining in the Upper Commons this year has proved itself to be an exercise in patience for many student diners. An increase in the student population, thanks in large part to this year's large freshman class, has made it difficult for many students trying to find seats during mealtimes.

Aside from seating problems, the Commons staff also faces the problem of serving more students everyday. There has been a noticeable increase in the amount of meals served each week.

"Last year we might have averaged around 21,000 [meals served] a week, and this year we're around 23,500," said James Gubata, General Manager of Bon Appetit, Roger Williams University's dining management company.

"This year, we've seen an increase in the freshman class and the number of resident students in mandatory housing, so we have more students on the meal plan than we've ever had before," Gubata said. "And with that, one of the things I'm concerned with is seating."

The surge of Upper Commons diners during meals puts a premium on table space for large groups. However, Gubata and



RACHEL DIEP

Students enjoy their food and their tablespace during a dinner-time meal.

his staff are working on and incorporating techniques to eliminate this problem.

One of the solutions Bon Appetit has implemented has been to prevent certain groups and clubs from reserving the private dining room. Bon Appetit also occasionally puts staff outside the Upper Commons, restricting students from entering until enough students have left.

"We also highly discourage faculty and staff to use the Upper Commons during the first month of school," Gubata said.

In order to accommodate more students, Bon Appetit placed more chairs throughout the Upper Commons. However, they have reached their maximum capacity. To include any more students than the Upper Com-

mons has made room for now would be a fire hazard.

Bon Appetit is still trying to deal with this increase in students and has created many ways to beat these seating problems. However, Gubata said he feels this problem could work itself out soon enough.

"We really see our numbers in September (or January) are mostly where we would have a problem ... People tend to gravitate toward the café because it's their one area of security," Gubata said.

Sophomore Hayley Couper said she has noticed the difficulty of finding a place to sit. As a sophomore, she had a meal plan last year, and has seen the effect of the large freshman class.

"6 p.m. is brutal," Couper

said. Certain popular times to eat, like 6 p.m. and noon, tend to be the times when it is most difficult for students to find a seat. "Sometimes you have to stand over someone and wait until they finish, and it's just really awkward," Couper said.

Freshman Veronica Lopez said she also found difficulty in finding seats during the lunch and dinner hours. In order to find seats, she has sometimes found herself next to strangers just so that she could sit down to eat.

Though Lopez said she enjoys the food, the wait for a free seat can be frustrating. "Food yes, seating not so much. People are always standing," she said.

Despite the difficulty finding seats, many have yet to find that

the Upper Commons has left a bad taste in their mouths.

"The food's still good. Sometimes it just takes time to get," Couper said.

Gubata said he enjoys receiving positive feedback via the comment board in the Upper Commons.

"We really do look at those, read them, and try to get into the heads of our students," Gubata said.

In order to keep the positivity towards the Upper Commons dining experience up, Gubata promised more events this semester.

"We've got a lot of cool stuff planned for the springtime."

## FARISH: RWU needs student center with more 'elbow room'



ELLEN BURKE

President Donald Farish.

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it is nice to see a president who does so much and isn't just an anonymous figurehead," said Dylan Kelly, a freshman Student Senator.

Farish, with 44 years in the academic realm under his belt and a doctorate degree from Harvard University, brings great expertise to RWU. While he has already expressed pride in his new campus, he has also said "there are things that are missing here."

Among the missing amenities Farish described were "a student center" and "a performing arts center."

"There are places that you just need a little more elbow room, and that's not going to be an easy fix," Farish said. "With some strategic investments, which [he] hope[s] to raise privately, we can really answer those issues and make this a sensational place."

Farish, who referred to the var-

ious different departments on campus as "outstanding," could not overlook the use of adjunct faculty.

"I think we have become a little bit too reliant on adjuncts in certain areas," he said. "In some cases, we use them because they're available and we've chosen not to hire them as full-time, tenure-track faculty. I am really hoping to see that change," Farish said.

When asked to compare Roger Williams University to his previous institution, Rowan University, Farish said that was like asking him, "Which child do I love the most?"

Despite having obvious fondness for his former campus and such an impressive academic resume, Farish maintained that "it is a privilege and a pleasure to be in the position that [he is] in, to work on a campus that has such pride."

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Students confront police during arrest at RWU dorm

## Two arrested, officer hurt

BRISTOL PHOENIX | Contributed Article

They went to the Roger Williams University dorms in Portsmouth Friday night for a marijuana complaint, but police officers soon found themselves facing a taunting crowd of students.

By the time the incident had ended, two students were under arrest and a police officer was being treated at Newport Hospital for a dislocated shoulder.

The first officer responded to a 10:21 p.m. report from a resident assistant at the Baypoint facility on Anthony Road that there was a strong odor of marijuana coming from a room.

While the officer was arresting Ian W. Walsh, 20, of Wolcott, Conn., on a marijuana possession charge, he said another student approached him outside and demanded to know why someone was being arrested.

That student, later identified as John D. Delucia, 19, of Waterbury, Conn., was asked to leave and was also asked to pull up his pants which the officer said were hanging low, leaving his underwear exposed with a woman present.

The officer said the student replied, "I can wear my \*\*\*\*ing pants however I want," and let

his pants fall to his knees.

The officer said Mr. Delucia and other students who had gathered began yelling "\*\*\*\*ing pigs ... We let you go to school for free."

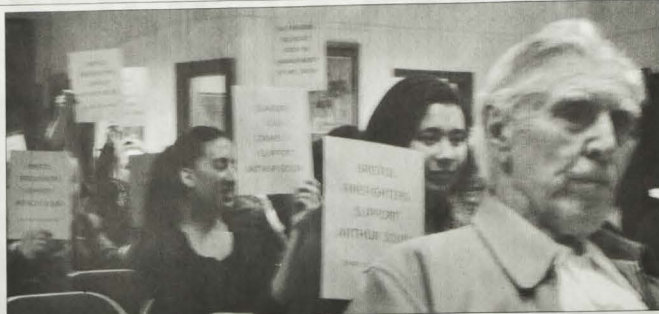
Police said several students attempted to get some of the others to back off; but, Mr. Delucia then mooned and swore at the first officer and Officer Scott Sullivan who had recently arrived.

Officer Sullivan went after Mr. Delucia who tried to run into the dorm, but found the door locked. They collided, Officer Sullivan said, and they both went down. The officer said he heard his shoulder pop and could not move his arm, leaving him unable to handcuff Mr. Delucia (another officer had to help).

Mr. Delucia was charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and obstructing a police officer.

On Monday, Deputy Chief Jeffrey Furtado said this is the first time in his memory that an episode involving college students has escalated in such a way here, adding that it is "scary" for a lone officer to be confronted by a threatening group.

Officer Sullivan remains off duty for treatment of his injury.



Arthur Sousa sits quietly while supporters speak out against recent false claims that he mistreated his dogs, chickens and a goat he keeps at Jack's Auto Salvage.

# Supporters swarm meeting for farmer

## Council responds to e-mail critics

BRISTOL PHOENIX | Contributed Article

Over 50 people crowded into town hall for Wednesday night's council meeting, holding signs that read: "No farmers. No food. Stop the harassment of Mr. Sousa," "Bristol firefighters support Arthur Sousa," and "Slander is a crime. I support Arthur Sousa."

Arthur Sousa of Bristol sat quietly in the front row. His care for his dogs, chickens and goat was recently criticized by Allyson Cote, a Portsmouth resident who has neither met Mr. Sousa nor witnessed firsthand the condition of the animals and the environment in which they are housed behind Jack's Salvage on Metacom Avenue. Supplied photos of the animals' pens, Ms. Cote had posted them on her Facebook page recently, with accusations of animal neglect by Mr. Sousa, and encouraged people to write to news agencies if they agreed these were "deplorable conditions."

This led to a viral outbreak of criticisms of Mr. Sousa by people proclaiming to be animal advocates, some from as far away as Europe, to the media. The Bristol Phoenix received about 60 e-mails in four days, "demanding an investigation." The Projo reported getting 120 e-mails.

After many visits with the animals, the Bristol Police Department and R.I. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RISPCA) both determined the animals were in excellent condition and well loved.

At the request of town councilor Mary Parella, the topic of

"social media animal concerns" was put on last week's council agenda.

RISPCA investigator Joe Warzycha reported to the council his findings from unannounced inspections of Mr. Sousa's animals.

"All the animals had food and shelter, more than sufficient, with dry, clean hay for extra insulation," Mr. Warzycha said. He went on, "In my opinion, the shelters were more than adequate. The owner went above and beyond. One enclosure had a pillow and blanket. All animals were in good condition. The owner had fulfilled all his responsibilities."

Rumors and photographs led to false accusations, Mr. Warzycha said, and "the situation got carried away."

Ms. Parella wasn't surprised by the RISPCA's findings.

"Our animal control department has a very good reputation statewide," she said. "I can't see our animal control officer allowing animal cruelty under any circumstances."

Ms. Parella then criticized the use of social media against Mr. Sousa.

"People are commenting from all over the world without knowing what they're talking about," she said.

Council vice chairman David Barboza depicted Mr. Sousa as a valued member of the community.

"Mr. Sousa is typical of what is true and right about Bristol," Mr. Barboza said, noting that at 93 years old, he is the oldest member of the town's volunteer fire department, a distinction he was honored for last year. "On behalf of many in our commu-

nity, we are sorry this has taken place."

Mr. Barboza's comments drew a roar of applause from those in the audience.

Michael and David Sousa held signs in support of their grandfather. Before the meeting started, they talked about the complaints.

"You don't see farmers bringing their cows into the house," Michael said. "He gets up everyday, puts dog food in his beach wagon and goes over there."

David said that the fact that the animals are kept at an auto salvage yard might have given the wrong impression.

"If it wasn't a junkyard maybe it would look better," he said. "Maybe we can go help clean it up a bit and everyone will be happy."

Mr. Sousa's attorney, Arthur Reid, was not ready to put the matter to rest. Giving no specific details, Mr. Reid said that Mr. Sousa has suffered adversely and that he has filed a lawsuit in superior court. Mr. Reid said that expected a constable to be delivering legal documentation to the defendant at that time of the meeting. (Also, Mr. Sousa and John Francis IV, owner of Jack's Salvage, have filed a no trespass order for the junkyard upon Ms. Cote.)

"What happened is horrible," he said. "I can't begin to tell you the effect this has on a man his age."

As he left town hall, Mr. Sousa smiled at those in attendance, giving a firm, yet soft handshake to his supporters, and his assurance that he will continue to care for his animals.

# ATM gaffe could have been costly

BRISTOL PHOENIX | Contributed Article

Forgetting his bank card inside an ATM machine nearly cost a man \$400 last week.

Late last Thursday morning, a man had withdrawn \$60 from the ATM in Benny's parking lot, took his money and receipt, but left his bank card in the ATM when he drove away. Realizing his mistake, he immediately went back and asked the driver who had pulled up to the machine after him, if he found the card. That driver, later identified as Paul Hayhurst, 46, of

Foster, said he hadn't see the forgotten card.

When the man checked his balance, he discovered \$400 was missing from his account and contacted police. The police investigated, using the video from the security camera pointed at the ATM, as well as transaction receipts to determine Mr. Hayhurst had withdrawn the money from the other man's account.

Mr. Hayhurst was charged with larceny under \$500 after being arrested by Smithfield police and turned over to Bristol police on Feb. 2.

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# The perfect problem

AMANDA NEWMAN | Editor-in-Chief

I am a perfectionist.

While some might say that perfectionism is a curse, I have always regarded it as somewhat of a blessing. My perfectionist tendencies seeped into all aspects of my life. By nature, I'm prone to over-think, over-analyze, and often, overwork myself. I'm also abnormally empathetic, and I've always been able to see both sides of a situation and recognize the valid points each party makes. In a weird way, I'm thankful for my need to have everything just so. It keeps me on my game and ensures that I'm doing my best, always. I thrive on doing a job well. It makes me my own toughest critic, which allows no room for disappointment - or so I thought.

Last semester marked the beginning of my junior year, a

year that saw a rapid increase in responsibility, e-mails received on a daily basis, and my stress level. Suddenly, balancing everything was becoming more of a magic act than ever before, something which I was seriously unaccustomed to, and I found myself hopelessly wishing for more hours in the day. Between classes and extracurricular activities, there was just too much going on for me to make heads or tails of anything and still have time for myself. On top of it all, I was disappointed in myself for feeling overwhelmed. I had never struggled with anything like this before.

I was also listening to MeatLoaf's "It Just Won't Quit" more frequently than anyone should. My best friend said I was suffering from ennui.

It's not that I wasn't happy; I was. It's not that I was depressed. I wasn't. For reasons I still

cannot explain, I found myself growing numb to everything.

Though I didn't acutely know what was wrong, something in my life felt off.

Whatever it was was making me pretty miserable, on the whole. For me, the semester was very unusual, one that was flooded with slew of trying situations. While I enjoyed some of the best times I've had at Roger Williams University, with some of the finest people I've ever had the honor of knowing, I also trudged through some of the most difficult situations I've had to cope with.

The strangest side effect of this was that, even in the midst of it all, I was still letting my perfectionist tendencies dictate my actions - except I wasn't feeling as rewarded as I once had. Things that were beyond my control had occupied the forefront of my mind, and I began letting things - important

things - slide. I didn't have the capacity left to worry about them. I realized I had no room left to fret over frivolous things.

So one night, back in late November, I said screw it.

I woke up the next morning and felt different. Free. Liberated? It was like a haze had lifted and clarity had been restored. I realized everything that had been occupying me had packed up and left. I had Brie cheese for breakfast, just because I could, because I wanted to. For the first time in what felt like forever, my mind was rested, calm, and ready to take on the world. I felt good.

The best part was, the haze didn't return. It still hasn't returned, and frankly, I don't think it's going to.

I realized some things that day. I realized that, contrary to my perfectionist beliefs, I don't always have to finish everything on my to-do list. Slaving over

minuscule assignments aren't going to guarantee my overall success. And time really is precious.

The truth is, people forget. Stuff slips your mind. Things that shouldn't be said often are. Ignorance isn't always bliss, and sometimes, you're forced to make a decision that has the ability to change your life. Ultimately, you have to be the one to deal with the fallout that occurs as a result. So do what makes you happy. Be a little selfish. Put yourself first. Pay attention to the details, if that's what you want to do. Ignore the naysayers. Let yourself live.

I've accepted that I will probably always painstakingly suffer over fine details and deprive myself of sleep until the job is done - or at least until a certain newspaper goes to print.

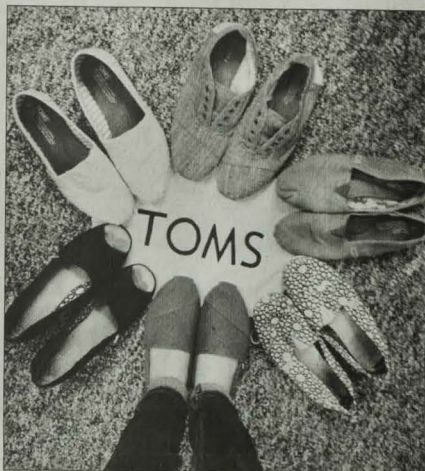
I'm a perfectionist, yes. But I'm not perfect, not by any means. And I'm OK with that.

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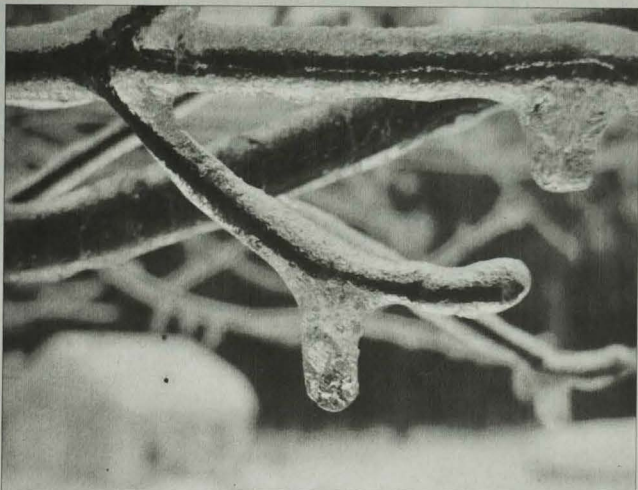
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# Cruuuzin' To Victory

The Giants defeat the Patriots again to win second Super Bowl in 4 years



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Giants Wide Receiver Victor Cruz stands with the Lombardi Trophy Sunday night after his Giants defeated the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl 21-17

## One 'Giant' celebration in Indianapolis

NICK SCHWALBERT | Herald Reporter

The much-anticipated Super Bowl matchup between the New York Giants and the New England Patriots was an intense, heated battle for glory. The history of these two titans doesn't need to be reiterated, as we can all remember who came out victorious in 2007. And sadly, for all those Patriot fans, at least, the result still hasn't changed in four years.

Right off the bat, the Giants came out appearing as the better team, holding Tom Brady and the high-powered offense to zero points in the first quarter and putting up nine of their own. Brady didn't appear to be the same man that helped the Patriots get this far, as he was sacked on the very first possession to give the Giants the safety. On the other hand, Eli Manning was very successful in marching up and down the field, which he seemed to do at

will, and by the end of the first quarter, Eli had given the Giants their first touchdown, a pass to the rookie sensation Victor Cruz, for the 9-0 lead.

In the second quarter, the Patriots appeared to regain momentum as they started to move down the field. It wasn't exactly what the Patriots were looking for, but at least they were on the board with a Gostowski field goal. Coming out into the third quarter, the Patriots again were successful in driving down the field. It seemed with this drive that they were able to call any play they wanted and have go for a positive gain. This drive would end shortly after it started, however, with a touchdown pass to the tight end Aaron Hernandez, stepped up with the injury to Rob Gronkowski. The New England defense stood tough in the red zone, forcing Lawrence Tynes to make two field goals, making

the score 17-15 New England by the fourth quarter.

The defenses of both teams really began stepping up their game in the fourth quarter, holding each team's quarterbacks out of the red zone, and denying any chances of scoring. However, through wear and tear, something had to give. In the last minute of the game, and with the Giants pressing towards the end zone, Ahmed Bradshaw didn't want to just waltz in; he had to make a statement to the Patriot nation. Sprinting towards the end zone untouched, Bradshaw turned around to face the defense and slowly fell for the lead with only the fifty-seven ticks left in the game. A denied Hail Mary by Brady would end the game, as he and the rest of Patriot nation watched the Giants strip the glory of a Super Bowl victory from them once again.

## Are the Patriots done?

TOM JACKSON | Herald Reporter

Flashback to week 15 of the NFL's regular season: The struggling Giants are 7-7, coming off an embarrassing loss to the Washington Redskins, and must now beat the Jets and the Cowboys to make the playoffs. Everyone is writing them off as flops, and as not even worthy of making the postseason. The Patriots, on the other hand, are 11-5, and have clinched the division without beating one team with an above .500 record.

Flash forward to Feb. 6, 2012: Giants' fans proudly sport their jerseys and feed off the misery of what Patriots' fans hoped would be their shot at redemption. Unfortunately for New Englanders, the New York Giants are Super Bowl Champions yet again. There are a few conclusions that I have drawn from this outcome.

1. Eli Manning is a future Hall-of-Famer. Eli Manning led his team to a Super Bowl Championship in 2007; however, he did so with a fair amount of luck. We've all seen David Tyree's catch and how miraculous it was, and sure, while Eli's scrambling prior to the throw was nothing but impressive, his throw was still a prayer. In contrast, Manningham's catch last Sunday, while also miraculous, was different in that Eli's throw was brilliant. This year's Super

Bowl victory wasn't due to a great defensive line, nor was it because the Giants got lucky, but instead because Eli Manning is a top-tier quarterback. Eli now joins Joe Montana, Bart Starr, Terry Bradshaw, and Tom Brady as the only players to win multiple Super Bowl MVPs.

2. Tom Brady is the second best quarterback of all-time. Brady is the best active player in the NFL, but this was his second chance to take down the Giants and he came up short, again. Good players and great players can be separated by how they perform on the big stage, and with Brady's two Super Bowl losses, you can easily see he isn't the best. Joe Montana keeps his number-one spot, as he won all four of his Super Bowl starts.

3. Wes Welker did NOT lose Super Bowl XLVI for the Patriots. Sure, it was a catchable pass from Brady and one that a player of his ability should be able to make, but let's be honest, it was a pretty terrible throw. The ball was high, outside and over the wrong shoulder of Welker, forcing him to make a pretty tough catch. That being said, Welker didn't lose that game himself, as it was more of a team loss, but wasn't Brady's poor throw more shocking than Welker's dropped pass? The answer is yes.

91.1	QB Rating	103.8
266	Passing Yards	282
83	Rushing Yards	114
3	Turnovers (Last 5 min.)	0

SAM EDSON

## Ice Hockey falls to Rhode Island College in emotional 3-0 loss

GEORDY BOVEROUX | Sports Manager

A game that started on a somber note for the Roger Williams Ice Hockey team ended in the same tone as they fell to Rhode Island College (RIC) 3-0 at Driscoll Arena on Feb. 4. They fell to 14-4 on the year.

The Hawks dedicated the matchup to Brian Williamson, the brother of freshman forward Sean Williamson, who passed away suddenly earlier in the week from a liver disorder. In support of Sean, the Hawks wore the initials "BW" on their helmets.

In the first period, both teams sought the initial momentum of the game, and RIC won out. This was in large part due to a fight that broke out mid-way through the period.

"They played very physical and we played very undisciplined," Head Coach Ed Silva said. "We baited right into the way they played, and didn't respond too

well."

After penalties were issued from the fight and play resumed, the Hawks started the biggest trend of the game for them—continuous penalties.

"When you have a lot of penalties, you have to kill [them] and you don't get to play your system," Silva said. "It gets all out of control, and you end up chasing the play instead of allowing the play to develop."

Besides the occasional breakaway by senior captain C.J. Younis, the Hawks did not have many offensive opportunities. RIC, however, took advantage of the numerous power play opportunities, first capitalizing with 6:38 left in the period, as defenseman Cody Warnock was the first to put the puck in the net and break the scoreless tie. It was a lead the Anchormen would not relinquish.

Now down by a goal and with a sluggish first period behind them, the Hawks tried to rally together with sophomore Alex Loeb's lead-

ing the charge. As Roger Williams tried to get their offense going, they once again started to succumb to penalties, killing any momentum they gained.

"We ended up getting another penalty and then another penalty; we just couldn't stay out of the box," Silva said. "The penalties derailed us from what we were trying to do."

RIC tallied on another goal when forward Brad Conway barreled into a defender and pushed the puck in to make it 2-0. After that, the Anchormen controlled the rest of the second period and most of the third.

With the game nearly out of their reach, the Hawks tried to spark their offense as they pulled goalie Craig Forrest with 1:44 left in a four-on-four situation. The Hawks would lose control of the puck, and forward Anthony Sawawa would take advantage of the open net to solidify Rhode Island's victory at 3-0.

Despite the disappointment of



BEN WHITMORE

Senior Richard Dart skates off as RIC celebrates their 3-0 win.

losing such a big game during such a big moment, Silva was still proud of his players.

"The way the team came together and supported Sean in the loss of his brother was the only shining light of the entire game," he said.

"I believe between Younis, Richard Dart, and Paul Bishop, the three captains, along with junior Ryan Seller, they really helped him, and tried to guide him through the whole process."



## Breaking the Surface Walking on history



ILLUSTRATION MARK FUSCO

KATLYN PROCTOR | Features Editor

For years, science has told us that there are multiple layers of soil underneath the dark coating of asphalt. Amidst the decomposed organic matter, topsoil, and bedrock resides an inanimate object; it's not tangible, nor can it be researched in any scientific lab. It's a story, and it's a bigger story than what science can tell us. It is a story that is not seen in a fossil or described in a textbook.

Instead, it is a story of legacy, passed down from generation to generation. It is a story that must continue to be retold.

Underneath the pavement at Roger Williams University is more than just a brown layer of topsoil. It's the story of Ferrycliffe Farm, and ultimately, the family legacy that helped officiate this institution of learning.

### A Vision

It started with a vision – a vision filled with dairy cows and vegetables. Many students are often under the impression that a military base or Indian burial ground used to occupy RWU's vast acres. While many aspects of the myths hold true, it was really just a dairy farm.

Purchased by Dr. Herbert Marshall Howe in 1877, the family and farm prided themselves on their prize-winning Jersey cows. One bull in particular stood out among the nation: Gilderoy. Celebrated amongst the state fairs, Gilderoy was often awarded many blue ribbons. To much surprise, Howe even offered that the offspring from Gilderoy would produce high quality milk.

According to Thomas Deibel, reporter for *The Messenger*, "Dr. Howe was so devoted to his Jerseys that in 1882, he had commissioned a portrait done of his prize-winning bull, Gilderoy."

Ferrycliffe Farm, despite the higher prices, was often sought after for its grade-A raw milk and buttermilk. In addition to milk, the farm was known to sell bailed hay, beets and a variety of other vegetables and fruits, including gooseberries. At its prime, Ferrycliffe

Farm thrived as one of the most reputable and family-owned businesses in Bristol.

### A Family Expansion

The 120-acre plot of land served its purpose well; the main barn and stables were located roughly where the new turf field exists today. According to maps and multiple accounts, their family home is located down the street, next to the current Bristol Landing Condominiums. However, it's hard to genuinely place the exact location of the farm given its large approximation.

Eventually, the Howe family welcomed six new members into the farmhouse. The children lived a leisurely lifestyle at Ferrycliffe Farm; Edith, Howe's elder daughter, often reminisced about her childhood at Ferrycliffe Farm. "I have lived on Ferrycliffe Farm [a quiet retreat on a beautiful hillside] during every summer of life and have found there strength and inspiration," Edith said.

With the passing of Howe in 1916, the time came to name a descendant, and the farm went to Edith and her husband, Hasley DeWolf. It seemed like the most natural choice because of Edith's love for the farm and the animals.

For years after gaining ownership of the family farm, Edith and her husband kept up the seemingly daunting tasks of running a farm: milking the cows, which numbered over a hundred, maintaining the crops, and generating enough income to pay their farm hands. It was said that "the Howe tradition of the Jersey herd was continued as well as the increased enthusiasm for turkeys."

With the onset of World War II, the family-owned farm began to suffer, as the downtown Bristol businesses began to shift to a more industrialized production. The DeWolfs pushed through, although the farm had steadily begun to decline.

After years of struggle and anguish, Edith Howe DeWolf passed the farm along to her only daughter, Mary Howe DeWolf Fulton, in 1940.

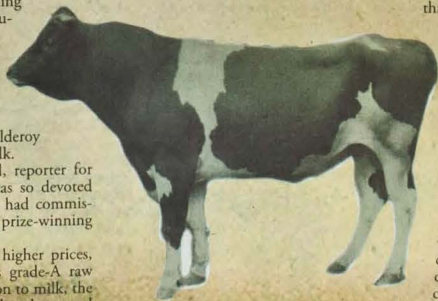
### Roger Williams College

By the time that Mary had acquired the legacy of Ferrycliffe Farm, an important business decision had to be made; the farm was floundering. It was said that "factory workers earned higher wages than farm hands." While Bristol was becoming more urbanized, Mary and her husband Marshall Nairne Fulton were dealing with construction straight through their property.

It was time for the Fultons to decide how to keep the legacy alive and what the best use of the land would be. In 1962, they sold the last Jersey cow on the farm. In addition, they were forced to deal with the split in their property once Metacom Avenue was constructed. Instead of seeing the land that had been in their family for almost a hundred years go to a housing development, the Fultons had a better idea.

While the Fultons were left to figure out the best use of their farmland, students were getting an education in a different classroom setting. In the downtown Providence YMCA, students were starting to take classes, enrolled as Roger Williams Junior

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### The Bachelorette

An RWU alum stars on the latest season of *The Bachelor* as a beautiful bachelorette.

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## FARM: Iconic dairy farmers donate land to RWU

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College (RWC) students. At the time, the Board of Trustees for RWC were looking into opening their college in Warwick, but soon lost the property to what is the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) today. Instead, in 1963, President Ralph E. Gauvey of RWC contacted the Fultons about the acquisition of some of the Ferrycliff Farm property. The Fultons were delighted. According to a Bristol Phoenix article from 1965, "the land [60 acres] was acquired through a combination gift and purchase."

The Fultons were avid believers in the progression of education, and in 1969, the newly accredited college opened for its first fall semester in September. The family had a completely intertwined relationship with the college, even assisting with the first groundbreaking dig.

The only true remains of Ferrycliff Farm on campus are the beehive stone posts at the North Campus entrance. They were moved and somewhat restored when Metacom Ave. was officially constructed and the road was widened.

Without the Fultons generous donation, RWU would not be at the height of its existence, if it existed at all. Evidence of the Fultons is not far from gone. Located on the knoll in the quad, near the statue of Roger Williams, is a granite bench engraved with the Fultons name — a memorial for the renowned historical family.

Within the course-grained texture of the bench resides a family bloodline — a bloodline that Roger Williams University continues to pay homage to. Although it may just seem like a bench, it's the physical, above-ground existence of a legacy.



Clockwise from top left:

The homestead is the only structure still standing from the original Ferrycliff Farm.

Chairman of the board's plant committee, Gerald Harrington, sits with Mary Fulton as they discuss the future of the land.

Edith Howe DeWolfe, daughter of Marshall Howe, inherited the farm in 1916.

Marshall Fulton assists board members during a groundbreaking ceremony on the new Roger Williams College property.

## A post-graduation job like no other

KINSEY JANKE | Herald Reporter

For most college graduates, the summer after commencement is spent figuring out the rest of their lives. Many move back into their childhood homes, scramble for old jobs or start new ones, and start to scratch at the surface of the loans they eventually have to pay back to the university they attended. But for Roger Williams University senior Collin Schmitt, his summer starts not at his parents' home in Massachusetts, but rather on a bike in Maine.

Schmitt will start his ten-week journey on June 14, biking from Portland, Maine, through New York, Pennsylvania, the Midwest, and finally landing in Southern California on August 26. Santa Barbara, roughly 95 miles north of the heart of Los Angeles, will mark the end of

Schmitt's ride, a culmination of 3,865 miles.

"I've never really seen the country — I've traveled outside the country and all around — but I've never really seen the Midwest or most of the west, so I figured it'd be a good way to see the country," Schmitt said. "It's a little bit of an adventure-slash-resume builder-slash-I don't want to jump into the real world quite yet."

Bike & Build, a non-profit organization centered on raising money and building awareness for affordable housing, donated over \$605,000 last summer alone, and has raised more than \$3 million for affordable housing foundations across the United States since 2003. The organization has eight trips every summer, each one consisting of up to 32 riders, with each individual rider raising \$4,500

prior to the start of the ride.

"Throughout the trip, the groups will stay at a different church or community center each night, stopping every six days or so to participate in a 'Build Day.' On these days, the group will go to a build site in whichever town or city they are in, and work on building a house all day instead of biking. Each trip has 13 of these 'Build Days,' and also give community presentations to help create buzz about affordable housing issues in every community they ride through. As an added incentive for the church or center to house the riders, Bike & Build will donate \$100 to an affordable housing organization in that particular church or center's name."

"We can literally put a house together in a day if everything runs smoothly," Schmitt said.

"So if we can build 13 houses just on our trip, and there's eight other trips who also build 13 houses, and we raise money and get awareness for these organizations, that outreach spreads a lot farther than just showing up one day and donating some money."

Most of the funds raised are donated to Habitat for Humanity and Rebuild Together, and a small percentage also goes to each individual organization the group works with on all the 'Build Days.' Designated as one of his trip's leaders, Schmitt is responsible for setting up the 'Build Days' and for getting in contact with the hosts so that his group can have a place to sleep, eat, and shower each night of their trip.

Bike & Build isn't Schmitt's first foray into charity work. He volunteered at Bristol's own Coggeshall Farm Museum, a living history farm and non-profit organization that educates about Rhode Island's agricultural past, and also at the Bristol Soup Kitchen. In high school, the 21-year-old spent two weeks in Costa Rica with Rustic Pathways, a travel organization that sets up programs for teenagers who want to do service work as well as have some fun in a foreign country. While in Costa Rica, Schmitt would spend half the day doing various community service projects (building a community kitchen, painting a school, cleaning up a national trail), and then the other half going ziplining or learning to surf.

"Costa Rica was more 'have fun and do work on the side,'" Schmitt said. "And Bike & Build is more 'do work and have fun while you do it.'"

Schmitt started his fundraising at the beginning of January, and as of print, has raised \$562. He wrote and sent out a "generic fundraising letter" to friends and family, informing

them on what he was doing and why, and also created a Facebook page to increase awareness. Since most of the people he comes in contact with on a daily basis are college students with not much money to procure, he's started branching out in terms of garnering funds.

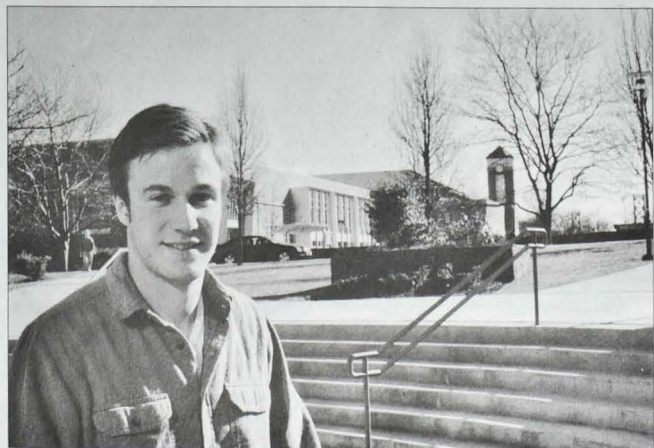
The senior has asked Bank of America for donations, and is planning on approaching local restaurants such as Aiden's Pub and J.R. Bean to ask if they would host a night on his behalf, with a percentage of the cover going to his cause, while in return he would promote the event to help bring business to the establishments.

On campus, Schmitt wants to set up a stationary bike in the quad once the weather starts to turn, and pedal for a couple hours.

"People will obviously be curious and they'll come talk to me and see what's going on, and hopefully I can get the word out and get some donations that way," he said.

In addition to raising the \$4,500, Schmitt must bike 500 miles before the beginning of the trip in preparation, including one 65-plus mile ride. As an anthropology and sociology major, Schmitt wants to eventually work for a non-profit organization, and expresses his appreciation of the fact that in community work, you can actually see the progress that you're making; it doesn't just go into the bigger system of a company.

"It's amazing, the people that you meet when you get in one of those situations where it's not a competitive work force, [and] no one's gunning for each other," Schmitt said. "People are always bonded by the same motivation [to help others]. So not only are you bonding with the people you're working with, but you bond with the people that you're helping out."



JEFF LOS

In June, senior Collin Schmitt will begin a ten-week bike ride across the United States. Schmitt will bike over 3,000 miles in total.



# A trip worth the college credits



ALEXANDRA ARTIANO

Students visited the Cliffs of Moher during one of their afternoon adventures spent exploring various locations in Ireland.

**GRIFFIN LABBANSE** | Herald Reporter

As most students packed up for winter break and headed home, a certain group of students packed their bags, as well, and then boarded a plane to Ireland with books in hand, instead of simply traveling home.

Junior Shannon Pitt was among the collection of students who ventured halfway around the globe in order to experience another country as a part of the Roger Williams University curriculum. "Personally, I saw the trip as being beneficial on numerous levels. Not only did it fulfill two elective requirements, but it also provided the unique opportunity to combine first-hand cultural experiences with writing," Pitt said of her reasons for going to Ireland.

While in Ireland, students fulfilled course requirements while exploring the surrounding attractions. Students usually began their day by taking classes at the Dublin Institute of

Technology. Pitt explained how, after classes, the group would have the chance to have different historical and cultural experiences and interactions. "We spent the afternoon doing cultural activities, such as going on historical walking tours, visiting Dublin Castle, touring government buildings, etc. I have no

I have no doubt that we experienced as much as Dublin could offer in two weeks' time.

- Shannon Pitt, junior

doubt that we experienced as much as Dublin could offer in two weeks' time," Pitt said.

Accompanying the students was the trip's advisor, Roxanne O'Connell, Chair of the Department of Communications & Graphic Design. After living in Ireland for many years, O'Connell moved to Rhode Island to work at RWU. In Ireland, O'Connell and her husband run a family hotel in the county of Tipperary, an experience that adds to O'Connell's attraction to the country. "I've often felt that packaged tours don't really convey the 'real' place and people. Because of the people I know and the places I've come to know really well, it was natural to want to share that with students," O'Connell said.

Along with coursework, stu-

dents were required to submit blogs that were open for the public to read. Students described their unique and unforgettable experiences in their daily blog. "Dublin buses take on many levels. They zip down soggy, rain beaten streets in a blur of bluish yellow. Their double-decker physique makes them seem as if they are bound to tip over or prone to accidents," wrote one student.

From Jan. 2 to Jan. 15, RWU students gained experiences that some describe as life-changing and as a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Pitt described the trip as being a great addition to her course load here on campus. "I would absolutely recommend this trip. If you're a fan of the arts, this trip will be unforgettable for you," Pitt said. The trip, which began in 2005 as a group of students traveling to Ireland's capital city of Dublin, has grown to be a trip that many students can't wait to apply for. This past winter, the Study Abroad office had a cap of 15 students allotted for the trip, but accepted 17 students due to high interest. O'Connell described the high interest as partly due to the fact that the university only offers this trip once a year, during the winter.

Pitt was one of the 17 students who had a life-changing experience while most others were at home for break. Reflecting on the trip, Pitt described her reason for going to be simple. "You will spend two weeks immersing yourself in Dublin and living as an Irish student would - who wouldn't want to go on the trip?"



ALEXANDRA ARTIANO

A street view of the architectural construction of the buildings in Ireland.

## IN FOCUS

**NICHOLLE BUCKLEY** | Herald Reporter

The Spiegel Center For Global & International Programs sounds like an intimidating and confusing place, but simply, it's where students study abroad experiences are planned. Currently, Kevin Hayden, Director of Study Abroad Programs, is swimming in piles of paperwork.

Right now is the one of the busiest times in the office because applications for next fall's study abroad session are due on the first of March. "We're right in the middle of advising students and helping them identify which programs are going to work out for them. Like, are they city people or do they want a more intimate setting? The biggest thing is to get students thinking about everything as opposed to them saying, 'I definitely want to go to France,'" Hayden said. "There's a lot more to it than just the location. There's the academic component and the cultural side of things. We try to get students on the same page."

The study abroad office first started 12 years ago. There was one person who identified some partner; however, there were no experts or any international connections estab-

lished. Fast-forward 12 years, and RWU is now much more involved internationally and on a study abroad professional level. "We have connections through trade groups and professional organizations where we're able to attend different forums and conferences," Hayden said.

Currently, RWU sends students to 26 different countries through a total of 47 programs. A lot of factors influence a student's decision of where to go, but even more factors influence whether Hayden and his colleagues form a program in a certain country.

"We identify strategic locations that match the University's goals. We look at academic similarities. We look at what types of services these partners will provide to our students. Do they match the quality level that is provided to our students here? What kind of track record do they have as far as hosting students?" Hayden said. "There are a lot of criteria we review and evaluate."

According to Hayden, academics and student services are the big-ticket items that RWU evaluates. "It takes about a year to get everything up and running and setting up a relationship. It's important that our office does site

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visits so we know where we're sending our students and what they're getting on the receiving end," Hayden said.












































After each semester, there is a survey that students are asked to complete. Hayden and his colleagues are always looking to get feedback. "A couple years ago we kept getting inquiries about Japan, and why there wasn't a program in Japan. Eventually it reached a point where enough students were interested that we identified a program. Now we offer a program in Tokyo," Hayden said.

Besides academics and student services, there are other factors RWU has to look at, such as safety and crisis management. Sometimes, students put themselves in jeopardy and need help navigating through issues that arise. "That is the most stressful part of the job," Hayden said.

"We prepare students to start thinking outside of the campus mentality. It's one of the biggest learning points that they are going to be responsible for more than the little town of Bristol," Hayden said. "That's one of the best things they come back with: the realization that it's a big world. It's not just about blowing off classes."

# Winter Activities

With the lack of snow accumulated this winter *The Hawks' Herald* asked Roger Williams students what they did over winter break. Through an online survey conducted by the *Herald*, these were the activities that RWU said they took part in.

	   
Sledding	
	       
Ice Skating	
	       
Skiing	
	   
Snowboarding	
	             



## Racy Stacy: A lady's guide to the proper sexile etiquette



RACY STACY | Herald Contributor

With the new semester beginning and Valentine's Day just around the corner, the students of Roger Williams University may be feeling lonely, vulnerable, horny, or all of the above. These feelings could likely cause one roommate to feel the need to bring someone back to her room to use that person as a temporary sex slave. There is just one problem. Unless you are in a single, you have roommates to worry about. Instead of turning this into an awkward, unwanted threesome, here are some rules so that you and your roommate can live in harmony without getting cranky due to sex deprivation during the month of love.

**Sexile** [seg-zial] (n.) The term commonly used by college students to explain why they are banished from their room for significant amount of time while their roommate engages in sexual activity.

Communication is the most important aspect of the sexile. In order to sexile in the politest way possible, you must have a conversation with your roommate when you are both in a sober setting and there is no chance of a hook up in the immediate future. This way, you can set rules and standards without lust and booze clouding your judgment. Make sure you know what your roommate does and doesn't feel comfortable with before the possibility

of a sexual encounter exists, and that the expectations that you are setting for one another are fair. It might even help to make a written contract once you both agree on some guidelines, so that there is no question about what is acceptable behavior or not.

If you have a boyfriend or a regular snuggle buddy, make sure that your roommate doesn't feel weird if you have nightly sleepovers. Your relationship with your boyfriend is important, but so is your roommate's relationship with him. Tension between your friends and your partner can put you in a very stressful situation, which could end up hurting your relationships with both of them.

The communication between you and your roommate can

*Keep it short and sweet or get creative with a little afternoon delight...*

not be a one-time thing; it must be constant. Be open to changes in the sexile contract. Sometimes people don't think something will bother them, but once they experience it, it does, so always leave the lines of communication open for discussion and exceptions.

If your roommate is not currently in your room, a courtesy text is a must as to avoid walk-ins and emotional scarring of all parties involved. Do not simply lock your door in hopes that they will leave. The text and the locked door are a winning combination, though!

Think of your bed as your little sex island, and stay on it. No getting kinky on the space that is not specifically yours, like the floor or your roommate's desk. However,

this doesn't mean you have to completely limit yourself to the island. Look at not always having the option to get down wherever you please as a challenge for you and your beau to spice up your sex life and do it in more daring places, like the car or in the great outdoors.

Sexiling during the weeks of midterms, finals, or when you know that your roommate has a big paper or test soon is not allowed. Besides, you should be studying something besides human anatomy for once, miss!

If you live in Willow, Cedar or Maple, you are more limited with your sexile options, since you must be considerate that there are not many other options for spaces to hang out if your roommate is waiting to re-enter the room, especially at a time like two in the morning. Keep it short and sweet or get creative with a little afternoon delight when you know that she is going to be in class for an hour or two.

If you live in Bayside, North Campus Residence Hall, Almeida, or some other type of apartment-style dorm, longer sessions are a little easier, since you have a living room and a couch for the banished person to relax on. However, you should not expect your roommate to stay on the couch every time you have a guy over. If your roommate is feeling really generous, and does give you the room for the night, make sure to repay her with a nice surprise, like baking her something sweet or doing the same for her when she has a guy over. This creates great love karma and lets her know that you appreciate her doing something nice for you.

If you have a single, consider yourself lucky and get lucky without waking up your neighbors. Remember, the walls at Roger are thin, especially when you are getting it in.

## Freshmen Experience: Transitioning from winter break

KAITLYN FERACO | Herald Reporter

It's been said that "you don't know what you have until it's gone," and let me tell you, winter break is a perfect example of this. Don't get me wrong, it was great to see the family again, and catch up with friends from home, but there is something about being on your own, especially as a college student, which is freeing and comforting. Most people didn't even realize how different things were between school and home until we had to move back home again. Let's just say my return to Roger Williams University was long-awaited and greatly anticipated.

As freshmen, living at school is a new sort of freedom for us. We no longer have curfews to abide by, parents waiting up for us, limits on where we go or with whom; we become accustomed to living on our own while we're at school. That is why it was so hard to adjust to moving back home for a month over break, because we're so used to living by our own rules that living by your parents' rules again seemed like torture (no offense intended to all the parents out there).

Although winter break was enjoyable and the time home was well-spent, coming back to Roger Williams on that cold January morning was so refreshing. When my dad and I were driving about 10 minutes down the road from school, he could physically see the excitement on my face, like he would on a little kid in a candy store. I love my family to pieces, but I remember the first thing I

thought when I was driving back onto campus was, "Where are my friends? Let's go get some Starbucks."

Getting back to campus felt like coming home. It was wonderful seeing all my friends again and grabbing lunch to catch up with everyone. In a sense, Roger really is home; we spend the majority of our time here and make really close relationships within the community around us, all while still thriving independently.

The second semester is a lot easier to adjust to now that we, as freshmen, know what to expect from classes, professors, etc. We have terrific professors and resources on our campus and now that we're back and know what we're in for; why not utilize those things? Now that there is a better sense of stability here for us, it's much more comfortable, it's easier to straighten out priorities and stay motivated towards schoolwork.

While talking to my friend the other day, she said something about our university that really stood out in my mind. She said something along the lines of, "I love how everyone loves coming to this school," and the more I thought about it, the truer that statement became to me. There are so many clubs, organizations, and job opportunities here that you can't help but get involved. If you live every day with the attitude that you'll love it here, you will, because that's what our school is about. That is what a campus community should be, my friends. Bravo.

## Fashion Column: Perfect Valentine's Day outfit!



Dress: Nordstrom  
Shoe: Steve Madden  
Necklace: Guess

KRISTIN DONO | Herald Reporter

While I can't help you persuade your date into taking you to your favorite restaurant this Valentine's Day, I can at least assist you in making sure that wherever you are taken; you will be dressed appropriately. Not knowing when you've crossed the line of being overdressed or underdressed can be difficult; therefore, by following these few simple steps, you will be dressed perfectly for wherever you end up on this special night. By starting with a basic dress, like this Grecian-inspired one, you are able to create a romantic look that can be easily accessorized.

Adding a chunky necklace (in the color of your choice) gives this simple dress a little more charm and dresses it up. I would choose to pair this style dress with something that has different textured chains, which will stand out against the looser fabric.

Since the jewelry is going to dress up this look, try choosing a classic flat that matches the color palette you're working with. Flats are your best option when putting together any

outfit because of their ability to keep a dressy outfit more on the casual side. Wearing flats over heels compliments a shorter dress nicely, since it makes the dress appear to not be as short, which is ideal for fancier restaurants where showing a lot of leg might not be suitable.

Now, considering that it's February, and my suggested dress is on the shorter side, I would add a pair of sheer nylons, that will give your legs a little warmth along with a little color. Finish this look off with a nice dress coat (I would choose a basic pea coat in an ivory/white color) to stay warm in this bitter weather.

By taking these tips into consideration when planning your big night out, you most definitely will be dressed accordingly for whatever date is planned. Keep the base of your outfit neutral and focus on the accessories that are put with it. Most of the time, it's the accessories that end up making or breaking any outfit, so be sure to choose accordingly, and you'll be sure to turn heads everywhere you go.

## Cat fights, date nights and rose ceremonies

### My love/hate relationship with The Bachelor

MARY CONCANNON | Herald Reporter

It's not something I'm proud of, but I confess: I tune in to ABC every Monday night at 8 p.m. on the dot to watch ridiculous drama unfold between Ben Flajnik and his competing lady friends on *The Bachelor*.

Before you judge, I don't think the show is tasteful by any means, and I have very little faith in the likelihood of a resulting long and happy marriage. But there's something about the blatant display of other people's quirky habits and sloppy kisses that keeps me weekly captivated week after week.

And then there's the biggest contributor to my embarrassing obsession: Rachel Truehart, my favorite contestant of the season, happens to be a Roger Williams University graduate. With an '06 marketing and psychology alumna in the mix, I'm more emotionally invested than ever.

Although my love for the documentation of Ben's escapades runs deep, my relationship with *The Bachelor* isn't all fun and games. Forgive me, Ben and ladies, but there are a few things about the show that practically make my eyes bleed.

For starters, isn't it a little odd that a couple will come out of this series engaged after having no real alone time together? The constant company of a camera crew means they've never dealt with awkward first-date silence or uncomfortable forced conversation. Imagine spending the first day in an empty apartment with a new fiancé after never being alone before. I can't wrap my head

around the awkwardness that would ensue.

And why do all the women credit the Bachelor himself for all their uber-romantic date situations? Let's be serious. Ben did not arrange a picnic with candles, expensive wine, and gourmet food in the middle of your woody destination date. He also didn't reserve an empty baroque-style building and pay for a private Matt Nathanson performance just so you could slow dance together in a perfectly lit stairway (although that does sound ideal. Boyfriend: if you're reading this, hook that up in GHH for

*Rachel Truehart, my favorite contestant of the season, happens to be a Roger Williams University graduate.*

Valentine's Day). I would love to warn his future fiancé that ending up with Ben would not be all roses and scented bubble baths.

Another killer comes when all of Ben's girly contenders use the L-word after mere minutes of actually getting to know the guy. I get a little queasy when the girls say they're "already falling in love with Ben," or "could see themselves making a life together" on date number one! And hastily muttering, "Ben would be such a great father," or "I can't wait for my family to meet Ben, my future husband," is equally worrisome. Imagine meeting someone in Bayside

one weekend, getting Low Commons pizza together next, and openly planning your wedding in the following days. At RWU, that would be dubbed rushed and extremely creepy. Definitely not something you would want to admit to, especially on national television. Of course, our classy fellow Roger graduate Rachel hasn't made such remarks yet. She's repping our campus with brains.

Perhaps the most cringe-worthy part of my beloved reality show is the sheer mass of on-camera lip locks on each installment. Maybe I'm the weird one, but I would not be thrilled if my initial kiss with a new boyfriend was immediately followed by his first smooches with other less-than-tasteful women. And then having to live with the other girls post-make-out? Yuck.

In true Bachelor form, some women jump the gun on the kissing front, and ask for a peck upon first arrival to the show. Trashy? Very. Of course, our girl Rachel took the high road when meeting Benny-boy. Rather than stooping to a premature embrace, a sappy poem or a cheesy gift as a first-impression ploy, RWU alumna Rachel Truehart's first words to Ben were, "I'm very excited that it's you. You seem like such a sincere, nice, honest guy."

Well-played. Way to make us proud, Rach!



# Political Three Way: Is Obama's student aid plan going to help?

**Democrat:**  
**Yes!**

**CHRISTOPHER MUNSEY**  
Herald Contributor

**Independent:**  
**No!**

**PATRICK CONNOLLY**  
Herald Contributor

**Republican:**  
**No!**

**MATTHEW PAIGE**  
Herald Contributor

The key to success is a solid education. This is an idea that has been drilled into our heads since birth, and that without a diploma, our chances of excelling in life are greatly diminished. Each year, tuition costs at public and private universities throughout the country continue to rise, preventing qualified students from attending. Last week, President Obama unveiled a plan that would help solve this problem by expanding investments in student loans and financial assistance to universities to keep costs down. The massive rise in the price of higher education over the past decade and student debt passing credit card debt spurred this plan's creation. The president plans to increase financial aid spending from one billion to eight billion dollars to help each student make it to college. Raising what we spend in any area of government is a touchy topic, but education seems to be a solid investment. There's absolutely no reason that a high school student in the United States should be turned away by a college just because they cannot afford to attend. If students have the grades and are willing to put the effort in to earn a degree, then there should be no issue stopping them, especially financial issues. Along with the increased spending, Obama is pushing Congress to keep interest rates on current student loans low. This new plan will not only protect future college students, but it will help current students who have already taken out loans pay for their education. If the government is going to pump money anywhere, it should be into education. There may be a shortage of jobs at the moment, but this will not last forever. There is never a lack of demand for an educated population, so regardless of the current economic situation, we must be prepared for when the demand is back. President Obama is preparing for the future. The more college educated citizens the United States has, the better we will be able to compete globally and remake ourselves into what we once were. Furthering a student's education has almost no negative side effects, and this is where we should be focusing our attention.

President Obama's proposal to help relieve or reduce the cost of college tuitions across the country includes adding \$7 billion to the Perkins loans, and creating a \$1 billion contest for states to contain tuition rates. So that's another \$9 billion added to our national debt, right?

Now, before you go ahead and think about the five percent interest rate on every Perkin loan, I would just like to let you know that student loan defaults are at an all-time high of 8.8 percent, and aren't expected to go anywhere but up.

In the past half-decade, the average four-year college tuition had risen 29 percent. That is an outrageous number. I would be willing to bet that less than one quarter of the U.S. working population hasn't had a pay raise anywhere near that number. I would love to know what the reason and/or logic for that steep of an increase; any corporation increasing prices for products by that much would be dead in the water.

One reason why tuition keeps increasing is because of the government's "90/10" rule.

When the government saw a spike in federal aid to institutions (through military aid or financial aid), they passed the "90/10," which requires all for-profit colleges to have at least 10 percent of their income from non-federal aid (i.e. student loans), further pushing colleges to increase tuition.

I think the government should get out of the student loan system. The student loan debt the government is holding right now is more than 800 billion dollars. I have a strong feeling this is going to be the next bubble, just like the housing bubble. I believe that the government should let the private sector control the student loan process, with a little government regulation, when it comes to the interest rates. Let the banks interview each student who needs a loan, and let them come up with their own lending process; this will make the banks more hesitant on giving out loans. I strongly support the government getting out of the college loan system and letting the market settle the problem.

As students at an expensive university, we are all too familiar with the out-of-control costs of college. Financial planners expect a traditional four-year degree to cost over \$100,000 per year by the time our kids are in school! But what is really to be done? Even President Obama admits that we cannot simply continue to increase federal aid, even though this aid doesn't reach many of the people who could use it as it is. Mandating a limit of college tuition would throw the whole educational system into a tailspin.

So one would imagine that since these facts are pretty apparent, no proposal would incorporate these elements. However, once again, logic proves useless when analyzing Mr. Obama's actions. His proposal is to increase the amount of assistance and to punish schools that raise their tuition by cutting the aid that they receive. While this might seem like a great solution, it only would work in the short term despite it being a long-term problem. The whole situation sounds very familiar, just like almost every difficult question that crosses the desk in the oval office.

Despite fully understanding the faults with his own plan, Obama continues to press this proposal. Why press on, and why now? It is an election year. Watching his approval rating slip in the polls, he has taken back to the campaign trail, making large promises as he did about four long years ago. But I doubt people are going to fall for the same old tricks this time around. Unemployment remains high, despite the cheers as it falls below eight percent, and the national debt continues to tick up higher. As Europe continues to fall further into turmoil and debt due to their struggling social programs, it is time to tell Mr. Obama enough is enough. It is time to tell him that he cannot continue to play games for his own personal benefit at the cost of the rest of his country. It is time to tell Mr. Obama no more empty promises. It is time for President Obama to stop watching the scoreboard, or get out of the way.

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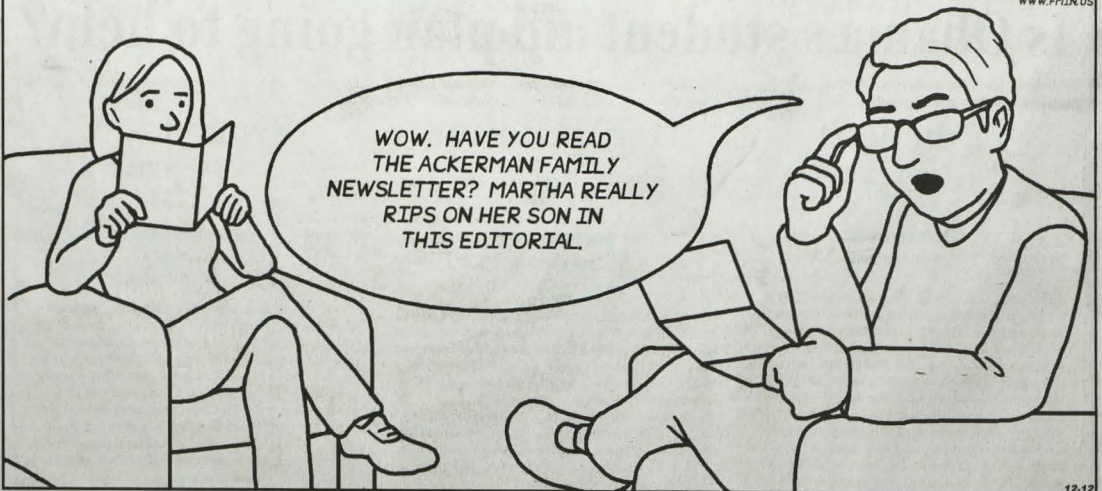


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